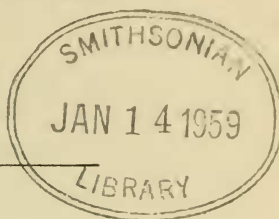


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TWO NEW BIRDS FROM EASTERN ASIA

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I.

Peters (Check-list of Birds of the World, vol. 4, 1940, p. 252) records the Malayan house swift, *Apus affinis subfurcatus*, as "casual in the Philippines, Formosa and the Borodino Islands." Hachisuka (Quarterly Journal of the Taiwan Museum, vol. 4, Nos. 1 & 2, June 1951, p. 76) emendates Peters's statement, saying "A small number of this House-Swift [*subfurcatus*] is resident in Formosa, breeding probably in high mountains and descending to the low plains in winter."

I have recently obtained from Dr. Robert E. Kuntz, Head of the Parasitology Department, U. S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2, based in Formosa, a series of 29 adult house swifts (many of them captured on their nests) from the suburbs of Taipei. They prove to represent an undescribed subspecies, which may be called

Apus affinis kuntzi, subsp. nov.

Type: U. S. National Museum No. 469354, unsexed adult, collected at Shih Lin (a northern suburb of Taipei), Taipei Hsien, Formosa, on 26 June 1958, by C. Cheng; original number PF 5007 d.

Diagnosis: Nearest *Apus affinis subfurcatus* (Blyth) of Malaya, but easily separable by having the general coloration an almost matt black, and so far as it is glossed at all, glossed with greenish blue rather than steel blue; the throat patch and rump band ashy white, not snow white, and thus less sharply defined from the adjacent dark areas of the plumage.

Range: Northern Formosa. (Reports of the occurrence of *A. a. subfurcatus* in the Borodino Islands, the northern Philippines, and on the coast of Fukien should be reconsidered.)

II.

In course of study of the Timaliinae for a forthcoming volume of Peters's Check-list of Birds of the World, I find it necessary to name a hitherto unreported population of the blue-winged siva from the lowlands of Szechwan. I shall call it

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***Minla cyanouroptera croizati*, subsp. nov.**

Type: U. S. National Museum No. 310764, adult male, collected at Ipin [Suiful], Szechwan, on 2 April 1928, by David C. Graham.

Diagnosis: Nearest *Minla cyanouroptera wingatei* of Yunnan, but differing by having the ground color of the crown and nape a darker, more slaty (less vinaceous), violet-gray; the mantle and upper tail coverts a deeper, richer, less fulvous, brown; the under parts (especially anteriorly) a deep vinaceous gray, rather than vinaceous-washed white.

Range: Known by 15 specimens from the type locality, taken at elevations between 1,000 and 3,000 feet.

Remarks: This race is named in honor of my friend Léon Croizat of Caracas, Venezuela.